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Mr. Aaron Swartz
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Dear Mr. Swartz,

We continue to process your FOIA request for all records pertaining to Operation Earnest Voice, assigned USCENTCOM #11-0144. In your request, you stated that your fee limit is \$20 and to contact you for the total charges in advance of fulfilling the request. However, the request has exceeded your fee limit, and we have found numerous records. As previously stated in our March 28, 2011 interim letter to you, we have placed you in the "Other" category for fee purposes. This means you are obligated to pay for search time (\$20.00 an hour) after the first two hours and duplication costs after the first 100 pages (\$.15 per page).

At this point, our search has exceeded 12 hours, which means your first two hours of free search have been expended, and you have incurred \$40 of search fees. We estimate at this point we have near over 2800 documents, each requiring review to determine if they are responsive. From past experience with other FOIA requests, the responsive documents will likely be less than the 2800 because the keywords may be placed in non-responsive documents and contexts. We will then review the remaining documents which are responsive to determine how much information in each document is releasable.

Based on the current scope of the request, it will take over three years to complete. If you wish to receive the request sooner, we highly recommend that you specifically describe the type or nature of documents that you want, for example requesting: operational plans, or strategic guidance, or budgeting approvals. By narrowing the scope, you will reduce the time and cost needed to review and process records. It is also recommended that you narrow the number of documents to a specific number, say 20 or 30. Please also provide us with a telephone number where we can discuss the request if other issues arise.

We have attempted to contact you via the email address listed in your request form, but our email has returned undeliverable. The current queue number for your FOIA request is 117. If we receive a response within the next 30 days from the date of this letter, we will continue to process your request and your request will remain in its current position in the queue. However, if we do not receive a response within the next 30 days from the date of this letter, we will administratively close this file and no further action will be taken.

If you have any questions regarding your inquiry, please contact my FOIA Requester Service Center at (813) 827-1810, foiaoffice@centcom.mil, and refer to USCENTCOM FOIA #11-0144.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Walker', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

DONALD S. WALKER
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